

SENATE BILL 440
By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 3, Part 5, relative to the determination and
pronouncement of death.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-511, is amended by adding the
following as a new subsection:

(f) A registered nurse may make the actual determination and pronouncement of
death under the following circumstances:

(1) The deceased was receiving the services of a licensed assisted-care
living facility;

(2) Death was anticipated, and the attending physician has agreed in
writing to sign the death certificate. Such agreement by the attending physician
must be present with the deceased at the place of death;

(3) The nurse is licensed by the state; and

(4) The nurse is employed by the assisted-care living facility providing
services to the deceased.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.